



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Meeting Minutes**

October 15, 2021  
9:00 a.m.

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On October 15, 2021 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Roger Ludwig, DO, Chair  
Lisa Galbraith, DO  
Sharon Gundersen, PHD, Public Member  
Tania Hernandez, DO  
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member  
Kim Morrissette, DO  
Shannon Phipps, DO  
Yuri Tsurulnikov, DO  
Kevin Ware, DO

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tracie Drake, Program Manager  
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director  
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager  
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst  
Anita Nath, Staff Attorney

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Dr. Chris Bundy, Executive Medical Director,  
Washington Physicians Health Program  
Patrick Hager, Chief Investigator, Office of  
Investigations and Legal Services

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Roger Ludwig, DO, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- 1.1 Introductions of the board and staff.
- 1.2 The board approved the October 15, 2021 agenda as presented.
- 1.3 The board approved the August 27, 2021 business meeting minutes as presented.

**2. Presentation from Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP)**

Dr. Bundy provided a presentation to the board with the annual WPHP update.

**3. Presentation from the Office of Investigations and Legal Services (OILS)**

Patrick Hager, chief investigator, provided the board with the annual OILS update on the investigative process and statistics.

**4. Exception Application Matrix Discussion**

- 4.1 Ms. Fullerton presented the updated draft of the exception application matrix for the board to review and approve.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the recommended actions and maintain the dollar amount listed under medical malpractice settlements. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4.2 The board reviewed a draft exception application policy.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the exception application policy as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

## 5. **COVID-19 Misinformation**

The board discussed the Washington Medical Commission's (WMC) COVID-19 Misinformation statement. The board determined that a statement isn't necessary at this time as the board always supports the practice of medicine that is within the standard of care for what a reasonable physician in a similar circumstance would do for any given condition or patient presentation.

## 6. **Correspondence**

The board reviewed and discussed correspondence received since the last meeting. This could include requests for lists and labels or any other general questions or requests

There was no correspondence received.

## 7. **Program Reports**

### 7.1 Rules Update

#### 7.1.1 Dental anesthesia rules

Ms. Drake reported that the CR 102 documents are in process of being reviewed. She will present them to the board at the next meeting for final review and approval.

#### 7.1.2 Office-based sedation rules

Ms. Drake shared with the board that the office-based sedation rules are currently on hold. While the board has already approved the language, keeping it the same as the Washington Medical Commission rule, the rule cannot move forward until the dental anesthesia rule is filed, as the office-based sedation rules cite the dental anesthesia rules.

## 8. **Open Forum**

The purpose of the open forum is to provide the public an opportunity to address the board on issues of significance to or affecting osteopathic medical practice and that are not related to topics for which a rules hearing was or will be scheduled.

There was no public comment.

## 9. **Future Business**

Ms. Fullerton requested feedback from the board on ways to possibly revamp the annual presentation given to osteopathic students at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (PNWU). A copy of the current presentation will be provided to the board and any suggested changes will be brought back to the board for review.

**10. Adjournment of public meeting**

The public meeting adjourned at 10:59a.m.

**11. Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing**

The board attended to licensing and disciplinary matters in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Drake, Program Manager

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